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“Five hundred kisses are all it takes to steal a heart.”

Chris Montgomery doesn't believe it, and he'd know. He's met— and had— many a man. None of whom he'd want to share five hundred kisses with. If you don't like someone, you just don't like them. End of story.

No amount of kissing will change that.

Dylan Halsworth doesn't believe it either. But Chris and his arrogant, always right, dare I be wrong attitude has Dylan challenging him to try it. And who knows, maybe watching his most loathed neighbor suffer through five hundred kisses with the same man is worth it. He'd sit back, crack open a Mountain Dew, and have a good laugh . . .

But . . . shit . . . there is one slight snag in his plan.

Chris has chosen Dylan with whom to prove his point . . .

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This story was originally written as part of the Goodreads “Love's Landscapes” anthology, 2014. This second edition has new scenes, scene expansions, scene alterations, a revised ending, reformatting, and-- thanks, Natasha!--a new cover.

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Sheziss says

I didn't expect to love this novella so much.

This is a feel-good, cute-as-hell, adorable and funny shortie. I liked this more than rock and would have liked to read a longer version. Two guys who used to be friends as teens are now enemies and a stupid challenge makes them bet nobody can fall in love with someone after that someone kisses you 500 times. Or is it possible after all?

When I wake up yeah I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who wakes up next to you
When I go out yeah I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who goes along with you

If I get drunk yes I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who gets drunk next to you
And if I haver yeah I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who's havoring to you

But I would walk 500 miles
And I would walk 500 more
Just to be the man who walked 1000 miles
To fall down at your door

When I'm working yes I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who's working hard for you
And when the money comes in for the work I'll do
I'll pass almost every penny on to you

When I come home yeah I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who comes back home to you
And if I grow old well I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who's growing old with you

But I would walk 500 miles
And I would walk 500 more
Just to be the man who walked 1000 miles
To fall down at your door

When I'm lonely yes I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man whose lonely without you
When I'm dreaming well I know I'm gonna dream
Dream about the time when I'm with you

When I go out yeah I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who goes along with you
When I come home yes I know I'm gonna be
I'm gonna be the man who comes back home to you
I'm gonna be the man who comes home with you

But I would walk 500 miles
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500 miles - Original version
500 miles - Sunshine on Leith version
500 risas - Spanish parody version

~☆~Dōni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

3.5 stars

This is both a friends-to-lovers and enemies-to-lovers story.

Dylan needs his neighbor Chris's help when the kitchen at the summer camp Dylan runs is destroyed in a storm. Dylan just can't think of what used to be or the man-whoring jerk Chris has become.

Cocky and arrogant, Chris can't resist a bet, especially when it involves Dylan and kissing.

Warning: Contains sweetness, teasing, bantering, mild steam, low angst, a messy kitchen, a haunted cabin, a lovely HEA, and many, many kisses to steal your heart.

Sunny says

Sweet, romantic story. And the first enemies to lovers story I've really enjoyed. (I think) But it's actually more like friends to enemies to lovers, so maybe it doesn't count. I still don't like the communication issues and wasted time, but this story charmed me like nobody's business. I loved the slow build, the awesome setting, and the rich history between Chris and Dylan. I'll be reading this again :)

Thank you, Anyta, for sharing your wonderful words!

P.S. Please have future characters recycle their soda cans. Thank you.

Vivian says

Goey deliciousness.

Meltingly adorable second chance love story where a bet changes everything. The key to winning is knowing thy enemy. Well played. I have a ridiculous smile and love it.

Favorite quote:

He could make Big Bird rock a kiss.

Karéz says

3.500~ Kiss me~ Stars..

The title says it all...

500 Kisses to Steal a Heart it's about friends-to ex-friends-to lover...

Dylan Halsworth runs a summer camp halsworth. one day the kitchen's camp gets destroyed badly in a storm. Dylan has one option to save/move the kids to a better place is to go to his neighbor's help **Chris** who become more arrogant, jerk since the last time Dylan has spoke to him.

When one of the camp kids tells a fact that

"Five hundred kisses are all it takes"

"To steal someone's heart. Anyone's heart"....

Now Chris, never believes in stuff like that. BUT when Dylan can't put up with how much cocky chris is. Dylan challenges him to have *"five hundred kisses"* and of-course Chris won't say no to a dare and a kiss with dylan...

..

will ...

"... Five hundred kisses are all it takes to steal a heart." ???

Enjoyed this Sweet-teasing-full of kisses-hot.story...Oh, and i love the cover!!!

Loederkoningin says

2.5 The book equivalent of junk food; it's sweet, a fast read and you forget about it the minute you've

finished it. If I hadn't already read the -- equally fluffy, but solid -- Taboo For You, this story wouldn't have made me plunder Amazon for more.

Though the idea of the bet, giving your enemy 500 kisses to win his heart...or not, is adorable, it was introduced in a forced and unbelievable manner. The development of these 500 kisses fell short too; instead of a natural progression to hotter and more emotional kisses, they were given clumsily and matter of factly, didn't make me tingle and were interspersed with "Gross" and similar comments. These reactions combined with the immature 'running away' behavior of the MCs made me second-guess their age.

The abrupt declarations toward the end felt out of character, and again...forced. I suppose it did fit the overall teenage-y feel of the story though; adorable and fairytale-esque.

OH!

"And it's going where the sun don't shine."

HAHA! What the ever loving fuck? The only line that I hadn't seen coming, bravo! :D

Nina says

This is fucking adorable. It is! Because even though the premise may sound kind of strange, and even though the triple combo of misunderstandings, resentment and sudden forgiveness is taken a little too far, there are banter and kissing for the sake of kissing (and for the sake of proving a point, which begs for a big thumbs up) and thunderstorms, so it's a win.

Now, it's still a far from perfect 55-page short story. But it's fresh and sweet, and there's an endearing, amusing quality to it that made my heart happy.

Sunday, you may have earned yourself a new reader.

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

I've been so lucky, every LL story I've read so far has been great and spot on to the prompt.

This friends-to-lovers story with a twist of maybe ex-best-friends-to-enemies-to-lovers would be a better description.

I think they needed the *push* of the bet to get them moving in the right direction.

I love that I get both POVs, I also love when there is heat but it's slow burn, the setting on the lake is great.

This is a sweet story that left me smiling and wishing really hard that it had been an even longer one.

Cause I'm greedy like that.

Lori says

Oh wow. Oh wow. Oh wow. An absolutely perfect Sunday afternoon. Review to come soon at BMBR. If

you like the kind of read that makes your knees weak and your heart beat faster, this one is for you.

Nico Jaye and Anyta Sunday freebies released in the same week. It's kinda like winning the lottery IMO. I am the first to hold my hands up and admit I am a huge Anyta Sunday fangirl. A look at my goodreads page and you will see that I've recently been on a real AS spree - so when I saw her LL story come up I ignored everything that needed doing and sat down to read. I was not at all disappointed.

At a later date.....

This book is billed as enemies to lovers, but really it's friends to enemies to lovers. And it is as hot as all hell. In just 68 pages this author made me fall in love with both Chris and Dylan and want them to have an HEA. The UST - as ever with Anyta Sunday - is through the roof. The story-line is cute and not over done. The characters are fun. Even grumpy Chris.

Though this in no way lacks for being a short story, it could equally have been a full length novel, following the two men from school with their friendship and 'break-up' to the events contained here. It certainly doesn't need to do that, I would have liked it, only because I'm a greedy AS fan who cannot read enough of her words! This story is guaranteed to leave you happy and feeling warm and fuzzy inside, though it manages to avoid being sickly sweet. And now I've written this review, I really want to go back to read it again.

Wanders off to locate kindle

Optimist ?King's Wench? & MANTIES Champion says

Have I ever told you I'm a recovering Mountain Dew addict? I've fallen off the wagon 4 times. **FOUR!** It's like I can go so long and then one day I'll find myself standing in line and I see those temptingly, fresh, eerily neon green yellow nectar of the Gods bottles looking at me with such longing in their cooler case and I can't stop myself. Weak willed, I am. Seriously. Quitting smoking was easier than quitting The Dew. Thus, whenever I see commercials or someone mentions The Dew like in *500 Kisses to Steal a Heart* it simultaneously makes me cringe and salivate. Like a Pavlovian dog. God, I wish I had one **RIGHT NOW**.

Look at that! It's just mocking me.

grumbles

groans

starts to get a little shaky

Damn you, Anyta Sunday!!! Why does it have to be the **ONLY** thing they drink?!?!?
I felt my resolve beginning to crack from the "crisp and delicious" description alone.

Focus, Cupcake!

Aside from the gratuitous, and in my opinion torturous, Mountain Dew references I enjoyed this story. It's my first experience with Ms. Sunday. I believe she usually writes YA which, let's call a spade a spade, ain't my usual cuppa. She probably does it quite well. Chris and Dylan's complicated relationship began when they were teens and they're working with teens at a summer camp now. She seems to have a good grasp of teen angst. The flashbacks of Chris and Dylan's early relationship helped the storyline and made the conflict credible.

My first thought when they made this bet was 'oh, that's silly' followed shortly thereafter by 'ohhhhhhhh, they are boys, though, so yeah...'. They compete over everything! Boys. *smh* I did find it amusing. Can't lie. Especially the diving for cellophane, *Twister* and the pull up contest.

I liked that they their road wasn't smooth, that one or both didn't capitulate after 5 minutes and that they, well, Dylan put his big girl panties on (<---see *what I did there?*) and faced their past head on even if he had to resort to some unorthodox methods. I particularly liked Chris's characterization. AND I really liked the somewhat surprising sexy times that were quite unexpected from a YA author.

meow

I can't say that I'd definitely read something else by this author since YA really isn't my thing, but I did enjoy this story. She did a fantastic job with the prompt and I thank her for participating.

Ann says

Well fudge and snickerdoodles, wasn't that just too damn sweet for words.

Sometimes enemies to lovers can be entirely too frustrating to read, but this had just the right balance of that and second chances to make it more fun than anything else. Chris and Dylan are perfect together and I loved that I could feel their friendship in their story as well. Definitely a go-to, feel-good reread for me.

Thanks for the heads up Lori!

~Kristin~ says

~3.5 Stars~

Here is another yet another example of this author's ability to tell a sweet and enduring story that even a cynic like myself, not really a cynic...more of a mush filled heart with a crunch exterior, can enjoy without any eye rolls! I'm absolutely loving these stories!

? Todd says

Cute, sweet and free.

3.5 stars.

Bárbara says

Yesterday, as I could *feel* a slump brewing in my grumpy reading brain, I wished for a light, cute, fluffy reading. I kept and kept going through both my to-read list and the unread content on my kindle, without really deciding on anything. Frustration grew by the minute.

A few hours later, inspired by my friend Alex, I started with this one.

This short story was exactly what I was looking for. And more, too.

I can't say exactly it's a friends-to-lovers story; more like a "current almost-strangers with a heavily shared history which suffers from a serious lack of closure" story.

Can you imagine how exciting things can get when these two people who can barely stand looking at each other's eyes, are thrown together because the universe is a mysterious entity that works in ways puny humans will never understand?

Despite how short it was, there was a wide variety of situations that evoked a similar range of emotions... It was just a delight to read. My only complain? Even if it had been twice as long, it would still have felt too short.

Sheri says

awwwwwwww, this was nearly perfect!

Absolutely lovely childhood/best friends turned enemies (of course a stupid mis-communication was the cause of their split) and eight years later their competitive sides force them together again....literally.

If you are looking for a sweet (with a little heat) shortie,

THIS IS IT!

****4.5 I-dare-you stars****
